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Income Guidelines for 2006**

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This memorandum transmits the adjusted income guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the eligibility of individuals applying to participate in the CSFP. These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with 7 CFR Part 247, which was recently revised at section 247.9(b)(1) to establish household income limits for women, infants and children that are at or below 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (Poverty Guidelines) published annually by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), but not below 100 percent of these guidelines. (Section 247.9(b)(1) further requires the State agency to consider certain women, infants and children as income-eligible regardless of actual income, including those individuals who receive Food Stamp benefits, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or Medicaid). Section 247.9(c) requires that elderly persons have household income at or below 130 percent of the Poverty Guidelines. HHS published the revised Poverty Guidelines for 2006 in the Federal Register on January 24, 2006, at 71 FR 3848. To establish annual income limits of 130 and 185 percent, the Poverty Guidelines were multiplied by 1.30 and 1.85, respectively, and the results rounded up to the next whole dollar. From these results, weekly and monthly income limits were calculated.

The attached tables contain the income limits by household size to be used for eligibility determinations in the CSFP. The first table contains the income limits for households residing in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. Separate income limits for Alaska and Hawaii are established and published annually by HHS. The second table contains the income limits for households residing in Alaska. Pursuant to program regulations, the adjusted elderly income guidelines must be implemented immediately upon receipt of this memorandum, and will remain in effect until notification of revised guidelines in 2007. Each CSFP State agency must implement the adjusted income guidelines for women, infants, and children at the same time that the State agency administering the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) implements the adjusted guidelines in WIC.

CSFP regulations at section 247.9(e)(1) define "income" as gross income before deductions for such items as income taxes, employees' social security taxes, insurance premiums, and bonds. Sections 247.9(e)(2) and (e)(3) list income exclusions, and other income exclusions are provided via policy memoranda available online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov>. State agencies should direct any questions they may have regarding the income eligibility guidelines to their FNS Regional Offices.

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Attachment

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CSFP INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES--2006

48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*									
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	Women-Infants-Children - 185%			Elderly - 130%				
Household Size	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly		
1.....	\$9,800	\$18,130	\$1,511	\$349	\$12,740	\$1,062	\$245		
2.....	13,200	24,420	2,035	470	17,160	1,430	330		
3.....	16,600	30,710	2,560	591	21,580	1,799	415		
4.....	20,000	37,000	3,084	712	26,000	2,167	500		
5.....	23,400	43,290	3,608	833	30,420	2,535	585		
6.....	26,800	49,580	4,132	954	34,840	2,904	670		
7.....	30,200	55,870	4,656	1,075	39,260	3,272	755		
8.....	33,600	62,160	5,180	1,196	43,680	3,640	840		
For each add'l member, add....	3,400	6,290	525	121	4,420	369	85		

ALASKA*									
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	Women-Infants-Children - 185%			Elderly - 130%				
Household Size	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly		
1.....	\$12,250	\$22,663	\$1,889	\$436	\$15,925	\$1,328	\$307		
2.....	16,500	30,525	2,544	588	21,450	1,788	413		
3.....	20,750	38,388	3,199	739	26,975	2,248	519		
4.....	25,000	46,250	3,855	890	32,500	2,709	625		
5.....	29,250	54,113	4,510	1,041	38,025	3,169	732		
6.....	33,500	61,975	5,165	1,192	43,550	3,630	838		
7.....	37,750	69,838	5,820	1,344	49,075	4,090	944		
8.....	42,000	77,700	6,475	1,495	54,600	4,550	1,050		
For each add'l member, add....	4,250	7,863	656	152	5,525	461	107		

*CSFP State agencies must implement the adjusted income guidelines for elderly applicants immediately upon receipt. For women, infants, and children applicants, each CSFP State agency must implement the adjusted guidelines at the same time that the WIC State agency implements the adjusted guidelines in WIC.